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In re U.S. Patent of:

Peter J. WILK et al.

U.S. Patent No. 6,881,199 B2

Issued: April 19, 2005

For: LEFT VENTRICULAR CONDUIT
WITH BLOOD VESSEL GRAFT

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.705, applicants hereby request reconsideration of the patent term adjustment of 349 days indicated on the Issue Notification mailed March 30, 2005 and the first page of U.S. Patent No. 6,881,199 B2. Specifically, as described below, this patent is entitled 402 days of additional patent term. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(1), this Request is accompanied by a check to pay the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e).

As indicated in the "Decision on the Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)" mailed February 9, 2005, as of the Notice of Allowance mailed May 20, 2004, the Patent Term Adjustment for this application was 297 days. Accordingly, Applicants believe that all patent term adjustments up to the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance are not reviewable.

For a discussion of the subsequent patent term adjustments, Applicants attach a PAIR printout indicating how the Office calculated the 349 day patent term adjustment indicated on

the face of this patent. Applicants agree with the Office that, between the payment of the issue fee on August 19, 2004 and the issuance of the patent on April 19, 2005, the Office accrued a delay in issuing this patent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(4) of 121 days.

The PAIR printout, however, incorrectly indicates that this application is further subject to a sixty-nine (69) day reduction in patent term because an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") was filed on June 18, 2004. This IDS, however, was the resubmission of an IDS properly and timely filed on April 8, 2004. The IDS was resubmitted because the Examiner mistakenly did not consider the IDS prior to issuing a Notice of Allowance on May 20, 2004. As reflected in the June 18, 2004 "Resubmission" (a copy of which is attached) the Examiner requested that Applicants refile the IDS with copies of certain references so that she may consider the cited references. The need to resubmit the IDS, therefore, was the fault of the PTO, and Applicants should not be penalized by a reduction in patent term due to the resubmission. Applicants also attach a copy of the IDS filed April 8, 2004 and a stamped postcard indicating that the IDS and its accompanying documents were received by the Office on April 8, 2004.

Because the April 8, 2004 IDS was filed after filing an Amendment with a Request for Continued Examination on March 23, 2004, the IDS could be considered a supplemental reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)(8). However, even in that case, the patent term is reduced only by sixteen (16) days, the period between March 23, 2004 and April 8, 2004, and not sixty-nine (69) days as set forth in the PAIR printout.

Accordingly, using the baseline of 297 days, 121 days is added to the patent term adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(4) and 16 days are subtracted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b)(8), leaving the correct 402 day patent term adjustment for this patent that Applicants seek herein.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.705(b)(2)(iv)(B), there was no circumstance, other than discussed above, constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of this application as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.704.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)(iii), this application is subject to a Terminal Disclaimer and is set to expire in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Terminal Disclaimer filed July 31, 2003, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Request and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 15, 2005

By: 

Michael W. Kim
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Attachments:

- Copy of Post Card date stamped by the PTO on April 8, 2004 (1 page);
- Copy of Terminal Disclaimer dated July 31, 2003 (3 pages);
- PAIR printout (2 pages);
- Copy of Resubmission of Information Disclosure Statement filed June 18, 2004 (2 pages);
- Copy of Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages) and Form PTO 1449 (12 pages) filed April 8, 2004.

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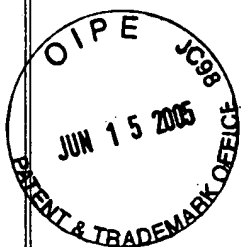
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Patent Term Adjustment History

Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) for Application Number: 09/828,794			
			Days
Filing or 371(c) Date:	04-10-2001	USPTO Delay (PTO):	477
Issue Date of Patent:	04-19-2005	Three Years:	-
Pre-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Applicant Delay(APPL):	133
Post-Issue Petitions (days):	+0	Total PTA:	349
USPTO Adjustment(days):	5	Explanation Of Calculations	
Patent Term Adjustment History			
Date	Contents Description	PTO(Days)	APPL(Days)
04-19-2005	Patent Issue Date Used in PTA Calculation	121	
03-17-2005	Receipt into Pubs	↑	
03-16-2005	Dispatch to FDC	↑	
03-16-2005	Application Is Considered Ready for Issue	↑	
03-10-2005	Receipt into Pubs	↑	
02-09-2005	Adjustment of PTA Calculation by PTO	5	
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02-09-2005	Record a Petition Decision of Granted for Patent Term Adjustment after Allowance	↑	
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01-20-2005	Receipt into Pubs	↑	
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08-25-2004	Mail Miscellaneous Communication to Applicant	↑	
08-23-2004	Miscellaneous Communication to Applicant - No Action Count	↑	
08-19-2004	Issue Fee Payment Verified	↑	
08-19-2004	Applicant Has Filed a Verified Statement of Small Entity Status in Compliance with 37 CFR 1.27	↑	
08-19-2004	Petition Entered	↑	
08-19-2004	Workflow incoming petition IFW	↑	
08-19-2004	Issue Fee Payment Received	↑	
07-30-2004	Receipt into Pubs	↑	
06-18-2004	Reference capture on IDS	↑	
06-18-2004	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed	↑	69
06-04-2004	Workflow - File Sent to Contractor	↑	
05-20-2004	Mail Notice of Allowance	↑	

05-18-2004	Issue Revision Completed	↑	
05-17-2004	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed	↑	
05-17-2004	Notice of Allowability	↑	
05-14-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner	↑	
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05-14-2004	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)	↑	
03-23-2004	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	↑	
03-23-2004	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin	↑	
12-23-2003	Mail Notification of Terminal Disclaimer - Not Accepted	↑	
12-23-2003	Mail Notification of Terminal Disclaimer - Accepted	↑	
12-23-2003	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)	23	
12-15-2003	Final Rejection	↑	
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09-25-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner	↑	
09-05-2003	Supplemental Response	↑	36
08-28-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner	↑	↑
07-31-2003	Terminal Disclaimer Filed	↑	
07-31-2003	Response after Non-Final Action	↑	↑
07-31-2003	Request for Extension of Time - Granted	↑	
05-09-2003	Mail Non-Final Rejection	333	
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12-11-2001	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU	↑	
10-02-2001	Application Dispatched from OIPE	↑	
10-02-2001	Application Is Now Complete	↑	28
08-03-2001	Preliminary Amendment	↑	
08-03-2001	Preliminary Amendment	↑	
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04-25-2001	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review	↑	
04-10-2001	Preliminary Amendment	↑	
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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Sir:

Petitioner ("Assignee") Percardia, Inc., duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and having its principal place of business at 10 Al Paul Lane, Suite 202, Merrimack, New Hampshire 03054, through its attorneys, represents that it is the only assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-identified application, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/828,794, filed April 10, 2001, for LEFT VENTRICULAR CONDUIT WITH BLOOD VESSEL GRAFT, as indicated by assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 10468, Frame 0027, and is and at all times was the only assignee of U.S. Patent No. 6,254,564 B1, issued July 3, 2001, for LEFT VENTRICULAR CONDUIT WITH BLOOD VESSEL GRAFT, also as

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indicated by the assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 10468, Frame 0027.

To obviate a double patenting rejection, Assignee hereby disclaims, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified U.S. Patent Application No. 09/828,794, which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,254,564 B1 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified U.S. Patent Application No. 09/828,794 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. Patent No. 6,254,564 B1. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the above-identified U.S. Patent Application No. 09/828,794 and is binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Assignee does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified U.S. Patent Application No. 09/828,794 that would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term, as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173, of U.S. Patent No. 6,254,564 B1, as shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that U.S. Patent No. 6,254,564 B1 expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or in part, is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

In accordance with the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), the required fee of \$55.00 is being filed with this Terminal Disclaimer.

If a check for the required fee is not filed concurrently herewith or if there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this reply, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) (2 pages);
2. Form PTO 1449 (12 pages) and 1 box containing copies of references listed on Form PTO 1449.

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserves the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

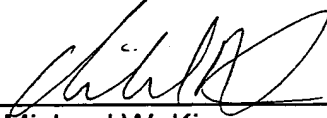
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any other fee not already accounted for and due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

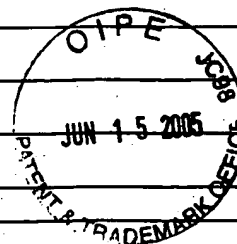
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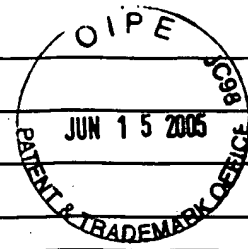


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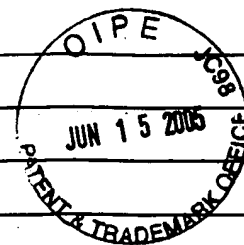
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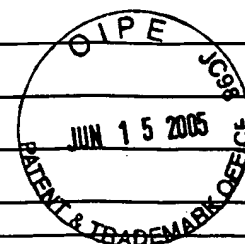


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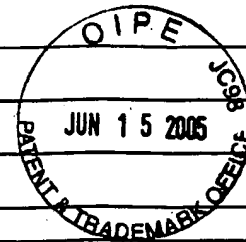


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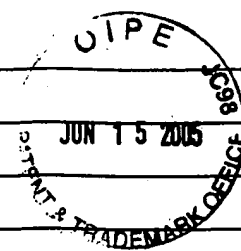
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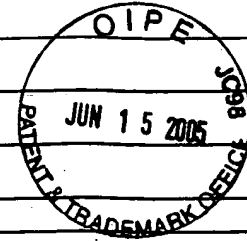


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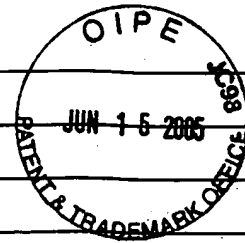
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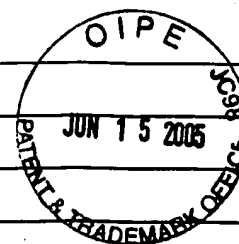


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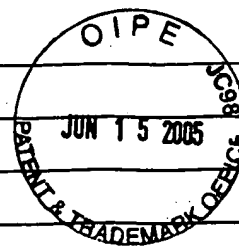


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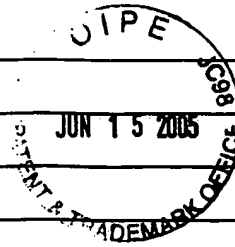


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